

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

May 24, 2002

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**GENERIC DOCKET TO CONSIDER
TECHNOLOGY ADVANCES**

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**DOCKET NO.
02-00434**

ORDER GRANTING PETITION TO INTERVENE

This docket came before the Pre-Hearing Officer upon the filing of a petition for leave to intervene filed by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc ("BellSouth") on May 16, 2002.

Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-5-310(a) sets forth the following criteria for granting petitions to intervene:

(a) The administrative judge or hearing officer shall grant one (1) or more petitions for intervention if:

(1) The petition is submitted in writing to the administrative judge or hearing officer, with copies mailed to all parties named in the notice of the hearing, at least seven (7) days before the hearing;

(2) The petition states facts demonstrating that the petitioner's legal rights, duties, privileges, immunities or other legal interest may be determined in the proceeding or that the petitioner qualifies as an intervenor under any provision of the law; and

(3) The administrative judge or hearing officer determines that the interests of justice and the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceedings shall not be impaired by allowing the intervention.¹

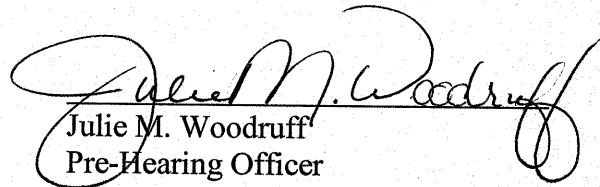
The petition is timely filed and substantiates that the legal interests of the intervenor may be determined in this matter. Moreover, there is no indication that granting the petition will in any

¹ Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-5-310(a) (1998).

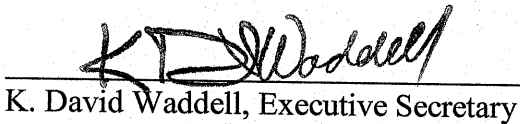
way impair the interests of justice or the orderly and prompt conduct of this docket. Lastly, no other party to this docket objected to the petition. Therefore, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-5-310(a), the petition should be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. is hereby granted leave to intervene. As an intervenor, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. may participate in this proceeding as its interests require and receive copies of any notices, orders or other documents filed herein.


Julie M. Woodruff
Pre-Hearing Officer

ATTEST:


K. David Waddell, Executive Secretary